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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

STEIMER *et al.*

Appl. No. 10/088,384

Filed: March 15, 2002

For: Transcriptionally Silenced Plant Genes

Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: Ashwin Mehta

Atty Docket: 31147USNP

**REPLY TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND**  
**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks made below.

No fee is believed due, however, please charge any required fee to the Deposit Account of Syngenta Biotechnology Inc. no. 50-1744.



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